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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 2

Introduced by Senator Scott

December 6, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2— Relative to Arts Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 2, as amended, Scott. Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2005 to be “Arts Education Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, music,
2 theatre, literature, visual arts, and multimedia, is an essential part
3 of the basic education ~~necessary~~ *important* to provide balanced
4 learning for all pupils in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and
5 grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and
6 WHEREAS, Arts education is vital ~~and necessary~~ to develop
7 the full potential of young minds; and
8 WHEREAS, Arts educators recognize that a program of arts
9 education is defined as a comprehensive, balanced, sequential,
10 in-school program of instruction in the arts, taught by qualified
11 teachers, designed to provide pupils of all ages with skills and
12 knowledge in the arts in accordance with high national, state, and
13 local standards; and
14 WHEREAS, The adoption of arts education standards to guide
15 the development and implementation of arts instruction facilitates
16 a well-planned arts education program and enhances a pupil's

1 opportunity to develop his or her initiative, creative ability,
2 self-expression, thinking skills, discipline, and cross-cultural
3 understanding; and

4 WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California, through the
5 California Arts Council, has provided support and assistance to
6 artists and professional arts service organizations and, in
7 partnership with the State Department of Education, provided
8 ~~necessary~~ resources to schools; and

9 WHEREAS, National standards have been adopted for the
10 visual and performing arts; and

11 WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California has
12 recognized the adopted visual and performing arts framework as
13 the definition of arts education; and

14 WHEREAS, The professional arts education associations of
15 the California Dance Education Association, the California
16 Association of Music Education, the California Educational
17 Theatre Association, the California Arts Education Association,
18 and the California Humanities Association each contribute to the
19 betterment of arts education together and each in their own
20 subject area; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
23 proclaim the month of March 2005 as Arts Education Month, as
24 a symbol of their support to the value that arts education brings
25 to the pupils' education and to their future contributions as
26 productive citizens within each community of this state; and be it
27 further

28 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
29 this resolution to each school district in the State of California
30 and to the professional arts education associations for their
31 individual action in support of March 2005 as Arts Education
32 Month.

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35 CORRECTIONS:

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